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It is a great idea. OHA would likely be the lead and would coordinate with other appropriate State agencies. DEQ might do the actual sampling and has worked with State agency data bases to identify potentially sensitive schools. I believe that OHA may even get some funding from USDA to do sampling. I'll forward you a list of school drinking water sources in OR that have irrigated agriculture lands or state/private industrial forests within 300 feet of the drinking water source. I believe that Triangle Lake School is on the list of 45 schools that meet the criteria (48 wells).

I would recommend contacting Brett Sherry (971-673-0442 brett.w.sherry@state.or.us), the Healthy Homes Program Manager at OHA, about monitoring possibilities. Eventually having Kate Kelly (or someone at her level) contact Gail Shibley, the Administrator of the Public Health Division at OHA, would be a good idea. Sheree Stewart, Julie Harvey, and Branch Chief Gene Foster are good OR DEQ contacts for drinking water monitoring.

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More huge. Any thoughts on the state or EPA testing the school well water?

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Re: Huge News from Day Owen

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Thanks, Jill. Dr Barr will be announcing her findings at an Oregon Board of Forestry meeting this Friday, April 29, by powerpoint presentation from Emory in Atlanta. Her powerpoint will be available to you within days.

Yesterday she told me the following: While nearly 100% of our 23 urine samples are positive for 2,4-D, nationally only 2 to 5% of the population test positive for 2,4-D. Also, she said that not only did those of us who went in for second samples after Spring sprays occurred, had not just a spike in our Atrazine levels compared to our Winter levels, but that the spikes were: "surprisingly high".

I know that EPA will be considering the registration status of Atrazine in May. Perhaps this study should be considered pertinent not only to our petition but also to the Atrazine registration.

I will keep you posted.

Also: This type of testing only occurred because Dr Barr was willing to do the lab work pro bono. But on our end we had to pay several thousand dollars in costs to have the samples taken and mailed on dry ice. Would it be possible for EPA or CDC to pay for a follow up similar test that would specifically test urine samples of 10 to 20 students at Triangle Lake School? Compared to big expensive studies, that few thousand dollars would be a drop in the bucket for you folks. I am sure that virtually 100% of the children would test positive, as the school is completely surrounded by a 55 acre clear cut and many other nearby clearcuts, not to mention that there homes are also near clearcuts. That test might loosen up the purse strings for the larger study.

As recently as one week ago a whole bunch of kids at the school got sore throats after an aerial spray up above Triangle Lake. One boy went to the emergency room at the hospital. Of course, school officials did not put two and two together and link it to the spraying!

A month before that spray, a ground spray of a particularly strong herbicide was applied sixty feet from open class room windows (b) (6)

Besides taking urine samples from 10 to 20 volunteer school kids, we would like the well that supplies the drinking fountains at the school tested. I am certain it will test positive for a variety of herbicides. Can the EPA do this for us as part of its investigation into the merits of our petition? Thanks, Day Owen

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In a message dated 4/27/2011 8:20:12 A.M. Pacific Daylight Time, Bloom.Jill@epamail.epa.gov writes:  
Dear Mr. Owens,

Thanks for your note. This is interesting information. Any idea when Dr. Barr's data will be available? The team would definitely like to

take a look. Your petition is still under consideration here, but there has been little movement these last several months. It has not slipped off our radar and we do plan to pursue it further.

Jill Bloom

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